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1. NORTH KOREAN DELEGATES TO THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE YESTERDAY CALLED ON LEADERS OF THE MEXICAN SENATE. MADAME HO JONG SUK (RENDERING IN LOCAL PRESS), VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME POPULAR ASSEMBLY OF NORTH KOREA, LED THE VISITORS. SHE TOLD THE SENATORS THAT THE NORTH KOREAN PEOPLE SUPPORT THE THESIS OF THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES. ON BEHALF OF HER GOVERNMENT, SHE INVITED A DELEGATION OF MEXICAN SENATORS TO VISIT NORTH KOREA.

2. QUESTIONED BY REPORTERS, FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA ON JUNE 24 SAID THAT THE GOM DOES NOT "FOR THE MOMENT CONTEMPLATE ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS" WITH NORTH KOREA. "WE HAVE NOT UNDERTAKEN THE STUDY OF SUCH A POSSIBILITY." RABASA ADDED THAT HE HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH THE NORTH KOREANS DURING THE PRESENT CONFERENCE.

3 . COMMENT: DESPITE THE APPARENT ALL-OUT EFFORTS BY
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NORTH KOREANS TO MOVE THE GOM TOWARD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS,

RABASA'S STATEMENT CONFIRMS OUR EVALUATION THAT RELATIONS
ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE ESTABLISHED, AT LEAST AT THIS TIME.
COMING SO SOON AFTER THE PUBLIC STATEMENT OF NORTH KOREAN
AMBASSADOR TO CUBA, NOW VISITING MEXICO, EXPRESSING HOPE FOR
DIPLOMATIC TIES, RABASA'S COMMENT WAS SOMETHING OF A PUT-
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